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| DIFFUSION BARRIER ALLOY FILM,<br>METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE<br>SAME, AND HIGH-TEMPERATURE<br>APPARATUS MEMBER | : | <b>Mail Stop: ISSUE FEE</b>    |

### **SMALL ENTITY ASSERTION**

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Sir:

Applicants in the above-referenced U.S. patent application hereby assert that they are now entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

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